

CONSUMERS POWER COMPANY ELECTRIC FRANCHISE ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE, granting to CONSUMERS POWER COMPANY, its successors and assigns, the right, power and authority to construct, maintain and commercially use electric lines consisting of towers, masts, poles, crossarms, guys, braces, feeders, transmission and distribution wires, transformers and other electrical appliances on, under, along and across the highways, streets, alleys, bridges and other public places, and to do a local electric business in the VILLAGE OF EMPIRE, LEELANAU COUNTY, MICHIGAN, for a period of thirty years.

THE VILLAGE OF EMPIRE ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. GRANT, TERM. The Village of Empire, Leelanau County, Michigan, hereby grants the right, power and authority to the Consumers Power Company, a Michigan corporation, its successors and assigns, hereinafter called the "Grantee," to construct, maintain and commercially use electric lines consisting of towers, masts, poles, crossarms, guys, braces, feeders, transmission and distribution wires, transformers and other electrical appliances, for the purpose of transmitting, transforming and distributing electricity on, under, along and across the highways, streets, alleys, bridges and other public places, and to do a local electric business in the Village of Empire, Leelanau County, Michigan, for a period of thirty years.

SECTION 2. CONSIDERATION. In consideration of the rights, power and authority hereby granted, said Grantee shall faithfully perform all things required by the terms hereof.

SECTION 3. CONDITIONS. No highway, street, alley, bridge or other public place used by said Grantee shall be obstructed longer than necessary during the work of construction or repair and shall be restored to the same good order and condition as when such work was commenced. All towers, masts, poles and other supports shall be set and all wires shall be suspended or buried in a careful and proper manner so as not to injure persons or property. The Grantee shall have the right to trim trees if necessary in the conducting of such business, subject, however, to the supervision of the highway authorities of the Village.

SECTION 4. HOLD HARMLESS. Said Grantee shall at all times keep and save the Village free and harmless from all loss, costs and expense to which it may be subject by reason of the negligent construction and maintenance of the structures hereby authorized. In case any action is commenced against the Village on account of the permission herein granted, said Grantee shall, upon notice, defend the Village and save it free and harmless from all loss, cost and damage arising out of such negligent construction and maintenance.

SECTION 5. RATES. Said Grantee shall be entitled to charge the inhabitants of said Village for electric energy furnished therein, the rates as approved by the Michigan Public Service Commission, to which Commission or its successors authority and jurisdiction to fix and regulate electric rates and rules regulating such service in said Village, are hereby granted for the term of this franchise. Such rates and rules shall be subject to review and change at any time upon petition therefor being made by either said Village, acting by its Village Council, or by said Grantee.

SECTION 6. FRANCHISE NOT EXCLUSIVE. The rights, power and authority herein granted, are not exclusive.

SECTION 7. REVOCATION. The franchise granted by this ordinance is subject to revocation upon sixty (60) days written notice by the party desiring such revocation.

SECTION 8. MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, JURISDICTION. Said Grantee shall, as to all other conditions and elements of service not herein fixed, be and remain subject to the reasonable rules and regulations of the Michigan Public Service Commission or its successors, applicable to electric service in said Village.

SECTION 9. REPEALER. This ordinance, when accepted and published as herein provided, shall repeal and supersede the provisions of an electric ordinance adopted by the township board on November 5, 1963 entitled:

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and amendments, if any, to such ordinance whereby an electric franchise was granted to Consumers Power Company.


SECTION 10. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall take effect upon the day after the date of publication thereof, provided, it shall cease and be of no effect after thirty days from its adoption unless within said period the Grantee shall accept the same in writing filed with the Village Clerk. Upon acceptance and publication hereof, this ordinance shall constitute a contract between said Village and said Grantee.

We hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was duly enacted by the Village Council of the Village of Empire, Leelanau County, Michigan, on the 19 day of October, 1993.



Village President
David Taghon

Attest:



Village Clerk
Patricia L. Zoyhowski